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SIR:

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for response to the Official Action dated 02/08/02 by two month so that the new due date is 07/08/02.

In response to the Official Action dated 02/08/02, please amend the present application as follows:

Please amend the description as follows:

Page 3, first paragraph:

In order to employ commercially available SAW-devices as mass-sensitive transducers in biosensors, the SAW surface must be coated with a bio-sensitive layer of proteins which then detect the respect analyte molecules in a sample.